assessed at about Rs. 4,10,900 crores by the Working Group. Out of the now proposed capacity addition of about 78500 MW, 1870 MW has already been commissioned and another 50,975 MW is under construction. Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation have geared up to mobilize funds to ensure that viable projects do not suffer for want of funds. Further, to facilitate financial closure in respect of private sector projects, an Inter Institutional Group, comprising of leading financial institutions and banks, is functional. However, for equity contribution in respect of private sector projects, the developers have to make arrangements from their internal resources, while for meeting the equity requirements in respect of Central and State Sector projects, public sector undertaking/utilities have to make arrangements from their internal resources and/or budgetary support.

With the projected capacity in place and through energy conservation measures, the gap between demand and supply of electricity is likely to be bridged gradually during the course of the Eleventh Plan.

Power situation in Maharashtra

242. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 57,650 units in State-run industrial estates, and as many as 2.25 lakh industrial units in the rest of Maharashtra would have to shut operations two days a week, due to the shortage of power:

(b) whether many of the companies in Maharashtra are reconsidering plans, due to uncertainty over the availability of power; and

(c) if so, whether this has created a serious situation in the State and if so, the steps Government are considering to take to help and assist the State in meeting the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per the information available from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL), industries of MIDC/Co-operative industrial estates have one day staggering holiday in a week.

(b) and (c) Ministry is not aware of re-consideration of plans by companies in Maharashtra due to uncertainty over the availability of power or creation of a serious situation in the State.

Notwithstanding the above, electricity being a concurrent subject, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government by establishing power plants in central sector through CPSUs.

Power purchase agreement for power from Dabhol project

243. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new power purchase agreement between the Maharashtra Government and Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited for Dabhol Power Plant has been signed in the month of March, 2007;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government is likely to purchase power at Rs. 3.30 per unit from RGPPL;